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Corrections News

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Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford has announced the appointment of Steve Larkins as Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC) Warden effective November 26, 2007.

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Larkins will replace Pat Smith, who has served as ERDCC's Acting Warden since February. Larkins had served as Potosi Correctional Center (PCC) Deputy Warden since February 2003. Larkins began his career with the Department as a Clinical Director at Farmington Correctional Center (FCC) in February 1991. In 1994, Larkins was promoted to an Administrative Director. In April 1996, Larkins was appointed as FCC's Assistant Warden. In April 1997, Larkins was promoted to Deputy Warden at the Central Missouri Correctional Center in Jefferson City, before transferring to FCC in 1999. In August 2002, Larkins was appointed as Maryville Treatment Center (MTC) Warden, before transferring to PCC in 2003 as a Deputy Warden. Larkins earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Psychology from Southwest Baptist University in 1982. He received a Master of Science Degree in Psychology from Central Missouri State University in 1985, before earning his Master of Religious Education and Administration from the Midwest Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987.

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